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BMCC selects Dennis Bailey-Fougner as its 7th President

PENDLETON, Ore. – The Blue Mountain Community College Board of Education unanimously approved the hiring of Dennis Bailey-Fougner (pronounced “Four-near”) as BMCC’s next President at a special Board meeting today (Monday, March 4, 2019). Bailey-Fougner will begin his new role on May 1, 2019.

Bailey-Fougner was one of four finalists selected from a pool of 44 applicants for the position. His selection stems from multiple interviews, a meeting with the Board, and forums with BMCC faculty, staff and students, and the community. The Board of Education also took into consideration survey feedback it received from the College community on each of the candidates.

“Dennis brings a strong background in community colleges, and the ability to develop and foster relationships with the community,” said Chris Brown, Chair of the BMCC Board of Education. “We are excited to bring his expertise and leadership to BMCC as we enter this new chapter.”

Bailey-Fougner received a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Oregon, his Master of Education from Wichita State University, and his Doctor of Education (ABD) in Community College Leadership from Oregon State University. He most recently worked for Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colo., as the Vice President of Community College Affairs. There, he supervised the community college division, which was seeing a decline in enrollment. Through the rebuilding of programs, adding new programs, and expanding in new areas, enrollment slowly began to grow.

Bringing education to rural, first-generation, and underrepresented students and their families is Bailey-Fougner’s passion.

“I am honored to be the new President of Blue Mountain Community College,” Bailey-Fougner said. “I am very excited to join the exceptional team at BMCC and to work with them and the community to enhance the educational opportunities for our students. I am looking forward to working with the community to find new avenues to grow our economy and workforce.”

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The other three finalists included Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director of the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practice Commission (TSPC); Jeff Sherman, Assistant Director for Oregon State University Extension Service – Strategic Innovation and Statewide Director; and Dr. George McNulty, Vice President of Student Affairs at Colby Community College (Colby, Kan.).

Dr. Connie Green will continue to serve as Interim President until Bailey-Fougner’s arrival in May.

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